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THE GOOD MEN AND WOMEN who have taken up the question of an improvement in civic conditions have started in the right way. A healthy public sentiment is a prerequisite to the enforcement of law; accurate information is the foundation of public sentiment.

The W. C. T. U., the Ministerial association and their allies in the move ment for a clean city administration have investigated the situation and discovered that The Herald's statement of facts in connection with the Ryan murder was, if anything, milder than the conditions warranted. They have discovered, moreover, that gambling, which the administration promised to suppress, is not only flourishing, but is flourishing with the approval of the city authorities, who accept nominal fines from the gamblers every month and in return allow them to ply their business under police protection.

When such conditions as these exist, no remedy is to be had except a pres sure of public opinion that will compel the mayor, chief of police and city councilmen to see that the laws are enforced. No patrolman can be blamed for ignoring crime when his superiors ignore it. Indeed, under the present regime a patrolman would be in danger of removal if he dared arrest a gambler without first securing the permission of the chief of police.

One disreputable negro gambler on Commercial street has had more power to protect criminals than any dozen other men in the city. Why? Because he has marshaled the criminal element on election day, marched them to the polls, herded their votes for his favorite candidates and promised his subjects immunity from punishment in case any policeman dared molest them. This negro gambler, defiant of the law, is credited with securing protection for the negro women who murdered Ryan, when they were under arrest for a former crime. He is said to have secured permission for one of the women to remain in town after she had been ordered away as a dangerous character.

That is the sort of influence the reformers have to meet, and the best way for them to meet it is by just such systematic study of the situation as they are giving it.

Additional police are needed; more light in the red-light district is needed; but, more than these, is needed an administration which is not only anxious, but determined, to repress crime and protect the city's good name.

Apathy in this case is quite as much of a menace to the public welfare as deliberate intention to encourage wrongdoing. If the city administration has the chief responsibility, it is no more to blame than those citizens who stand back and scoff at any effort to improve conditions, or claim that the reform movement has an unworthy motive behind it.

Happily, signs are plentiful that the best element of the community is united in its desire to see the city rid of the men and women who are defying law and making some districts sources of moral infection for the whole community. They have undertaken a public duty and they have the support of every citizen who cares for Salt Lake's present and future welfare.

authorities. For several years they

alone. Rice has also been imported

from Singapore, Hongkong and other

500,000 piculs by the end of December,

ormous amount of 600,000,000 pounds.

places. This will amount to about

#### UTAH LAKE DYKES.

S. JONES, former mayor of Provo, of food in the islands, and there is no rice now to reap. Almost for the first some ideas about dyking Utah lake which seem at least worth trying. Mr. great quantities of rice are being im-Jones appreciates that to dyke the lake ported for distribution at cost to those from the south side of "Lake Shore" on | who can pay and for free distribution the south to beyond Lehi on the north among those who have no money would involve the expenditure of a very large sum of money. Besides, objections have been made to the sugrestion on the ground that it is altogether impracticable.

Mr. Jones believes that it is not, and he proposes to dyke a little part of the piculs of rice were imported from Saihistance at first in order to demon- gon, and it is estimated that by the state the correctness of his theory. In end of the year 4,000,000 piculs will his communication to The Herald, pubhave been imported from that port lished last Sunday, he showed that it would be easy enough to get the dyklng material and not at all difficult to put it in place. At the outset only a few acres of what is now swamp land making a grand total of 4.500,000 would be reclaimed but in the end piculs." many hundreds of acres could be A picul amounts to 133 1-3 pounds brought under profitable cultivation.

so it will be seen that the total im-While such a result is greatly to portations, based on the figures given be desired and would help materially by the American, will aggregate the in paying the cost of constructing the or practically sixty pounds for every dyke system, it would not be all profit, by any means. Indeed, the primary man, woman and child in the islands. phiect of the dykes is to raise the level The situation must be grave, indeed, of the lake in such a manner as to when that amount of rice must be imhold the flood waters without doing any ported into a country that, up to a few damage to land now being cultivated. Years ago, or to the time of the Amer-This object, Mr. Jones believes, can ican occupation, grew every pound of be accomplished if the proper spirit rice needed by its people.

The only large even planned for the day is the luncheon to be given by Mrs, and Miss Neill complimentary to

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Spencer entertained a few friends informally last evening in honor of Mrs. Wright and Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Young of Logan, who are visiting in the city.

One of the weddings of New Year's day was that of Miss Edith Marion Hitt and William Pow, which took place at 10:30 in St. Pau's church.

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Dr. E. G. Gowns of Mount Pleasant is in the city for a few days and is visiting Judge and Mrs. W. H. King.

Mrs. Maria Y. Dougall will entertain at a Kensington Thursday afternoon for the Young sisters → ◆ ◆ ◆ Today's meeting of the Woman's club will be held at the home of Mrs. A. J. Johnson of Third East street. A

musical and literary programme will be given and the meeting will be an open The Cleofan holds its federation neeting today at the home of Mrs.

The Fort Douglas Social club will give a dance tomorrow evening.

Julia Taylor. Several of the state officers will be present and the various lines of work done by the different committees will be discussed.

Miss Elizabeth Clarahan will not leave for her home in Missouri till tomorrow evening and in the meantime she will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Spencer.

Miss Juliet Marks has returned to Miss Juliet Marks has returned to was kept for many years until the old

Mrs. W. H. King will not be at home today but will resume her Tuesdays at home later in the year.

Mr. and Mrs. George Henry Taggart are at home at 520 South State street till about the middle of the monto, when they will leave for the coast, going by way of Mexico and the Grand Canyon of the Colorado.

A. The Poets' Round Table will meet this afternoon with Mrs. Frank Jennings. The poet for study is Paul Lawrence Dunbar, and Mrs. Rachel Miller will be chairman of the day.

#### LINCOLN'S HOOSIER GIRL

The Most Beautiful Woman in Indiana...

In a little graveyard close to the edge of the town rests the body of Abraham Lincoln's sweetheart, says the Gentryville, Ind., correspondent of the St. Louis Republic. This fact has just recently come to light. Four years ago, Mrs. Elizabeth Bryant died at the last few years that anyone, even in the last few years that anyone, even in the left was only in the last few years that anyone, even in the left was only in the last few years that anyone, even in the neighborhood, knew that she could have been the wife of the great president.

Her daughter, Mrs. Rachel Bryant, a woman of 70 years, still lives here, with her husband, Dr. Bryant, who has practiced medicine in Gentryville for more than fifty years.

It alked much about the Lincoln family. She said that when she was a little girl she saw Nancy Hanks, who was Mr. Lincoln's nother, but did not remember very much about her. She was better acquainted with Mr. Lincoln's stepmother."

Gentryville is a town of about 450 in earned many of the stories that he told in after life.

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have sowed no rice, the staple article of food in the islands, and there is no southern Indiana in those days. Lincoln was considered the homeliest man.
"My mother never cared anything for him, and tried to stop his coming to see her, but he would not stop. 'I know you don't want me coming around to see you,' he used to say, 'but I can't help it.'

"The store was kept by William Jones, who was afterwards killed at the battle of Atlanta while serving as lieutenant colonel of the Fifty-third Indiana. Lincoln used to drive around the country for Jones, and of evenings

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Some of the older persons in this country remember their parents telling of Andrew Crawford, the latter was a country remember their parents telling that the country for Jones, and of evenings." Discussing the situation, the Manila

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Lincoln got the hook wet for which American says: "According to figures furnished the Manila American by one of the largest shipping firms in the Orient, from Jan. 1 of the present year until the 23d day of October, 3,393,100

DUCKS FROZEN

IN THE WATER

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with her husband, Dr. Bryant, who has practiced medicine in Gentryville for more than fifty years.

"I have heard my mother talk of Lincoln many a time," said Mrs. Bryant. "My mother's maiden name was Elizabeth Tuly, and she was considered the most beautiful woman in southern Indiana in those days. Lincoln was considered the homeliest man."

"I have heard my mother talk of Lincoln used to be a clerk. At that time, however, the store was on the hill. When the railroad came the building was moved down the hill, and the place where it stood is now a tobacco patch.

Lincoln's application of the story was that those who were complaining of Grant for paroling so many of Pemberton's army did not realize that after the fall of Vicksburg it did not amount to much as an army.

The Crawford school, which Abraham Lincoln attended, was situated about three miles from here. It was now at obacco patch.

ried him. She was in love with Ben Hesson, and she married him after Lincoln had gone with his parents to Illines, but after he got into Jones' store he settled down, and when not attend-"Of late years my mother never ing to business or debating he was a social feud.

SUNDAY HOLIDAY

IN OLD ENGLAND

Miss Juliet Marks has returned to her home in Ogden after a visit of a few days in the city.

The present moment—

The present moment— There used to be a character around Gentryville in its early days known as "Old Holmes," who was often intoxi-One winter night "Old Holmes" would

have been frozen but for Lincoln, who found him and carried him home, sitfound him and carried him home, sitting up all night to resuscitate him. This incident started a temperance wave over Spencer county, and the debates were startling and interesting. Half-way up the long, vinding street for many years stood an old blacksmith shop. In front of it was a widespreading tree, that still waves its boughs, but every sign of the old shop is gone.

The ground on which stood the The ground on which stood the smithy for years was owned by Rev. F. A. Heuring, past commander of the Indiana Grand Army of the Republic, but is now the property of Jacob Dendinger, the town marshal.

This old blacksmith shop was a famous place in the life of Gentryville, and was a favorite resort for the people

of Spencer county.

The old blacksmith, whose name every one seems to have forgotten, was a natural storyteller, and he had around him a crowd of as good storytellers as

Abraham Lincoln was at this shop a great deal, and it was a common re-sort for his father. Thomas Lincoln, and Abraham's uncles, John and Dennis Hanks. The shop was the county news stand and the lecture platform.

ry him. They used to go to spelling schools and such meetings as they had in this country in those days, and he would come ten miles horseback after my mother.

"They used to go to spelling go up to Jones' store to hear Lincoln a copy of a "Life of Washington," and "speak pieces" and argue politics. Several debates were held in the room above the store—a room that is now that Lincoln paid by working for three my mother.

the town hall—and in all of these Lincoln took an active part.

"I know she told me many times how she used to try to run away from him, but he would ride after her on his big, rawboned horse, his arms flapping like a pair of wings and his long legs point—the town hall—and in all of these Lincoln the coln took an active part.

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Of the enemies that Lincoln made was the part.

ing out.

"At that time, of course, she had no idea that he would ever be president of the United States, but even if she had known it she would never have mar
known it she would never have marharder, jump farther, run faster and ham, married Aaron Grigsby, and two

Abraham, it is said, always declared that his sister was not properly treated by the Grigsbys. This brought about

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